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SUMMARY OF...

INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

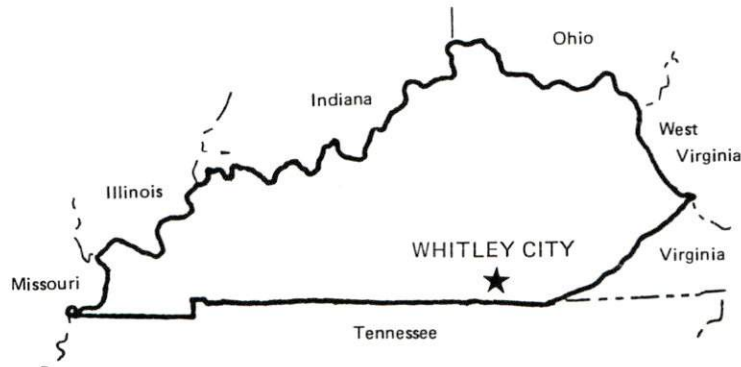
**WHITLEY CITY
STEARNS
PINE KNOT**

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
WHITLEY CITY, STEARNS AND PINE KNOT, KENTUCKY



POPULATION: 1975: Whitley City - N/A
 Stearns - N/A
 Pine Knot - N/A
 1976: McCreary County - 14,700; Labor Market Area - 136,200

WHITLEY CITY, STEARNS AND PINE KNOT LABOR MARKET AREA: Includes McCreary, Laurel, Pulaski, Wayne and Whitley Counties

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1976:

	<u>McCreary County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	3,876	53,228
Employment	3,524	50,034
Agricultural	70	3,790
Nonagricultural	3,454	46,244
Unemployment	352	3,194
Rate of Unemployment (%)	9.1	6.0

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1975:

McCreary County	\$2,309
Labor Market Area Range	\$2,309 - \$4,058

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1976:

McCreary County	580	Male	460	Female
Labor Market Area	7,950	Male*	8,520	Female*

LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Whitley City		
McCreary County Block and Tile, Inc.	Concrete blocks	8
McCreary County Record	Newspaper, job printing	3

(Contd.)

*In addition, in 1977 there were 430 men and 370 women in adjoining Scott County, Tennessee, potentially available for industrial jobs.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
<u>Stearns</u>		
King Lumber Company, Inc.	Building materials, lumber	40
McCreary Manufacturing	Men's and boys' dress shirts; Men's sport shirts	285
Outdoor Venture Corporation	Tents	128
<u>Pine Knot</u>		
American Bag Corporation	Sleeping bags	35
Kentucky Hills Industries	Wood handicraft, hand turned pottery, hand weavings	50
Southern Wood Piedmont Company	Crossties, lumber	9

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS:

There are no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers in McCreary County.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway (Division of Southern Railway System) serves Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot. Services include one freight stop daily, 20 through freights daily, and switching facilities. Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway piggyback facilities are at Knoxville, Tennessee, 106 miles from Whitley City.

Stearns is also served by the Kentucky and Tennessee Railway Company. Services include two freights daily round trip to Oz and three freights daily round trip to Barthell; interchange yard with the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway; and siding space for 200 cars. Kentucky and Tennessee Railway Company piggyback facilities are at Knoxville, Tennessee, 103 miles from Whitley City.

Highways: U.S. Highway 27 serves Whitley City and Pine Knot. State Routes 1651 and 92 serve Stearns. Interstate 75 is 21 miles northeast of Pine Knot via Kentucky Route 92.

Road Distance in Miles from Whitley City:

Atlanta	286	Baltimore	671
Chicago	482	Detroit	467
New York	833	St. Louis	465

Truck: Eagle Express Company, Inc., Eldridge Truck Line and Interstate Systems serve all three towns.

Air: The nearest commercial airport, London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field), is 53 miles from Whitley City and Piedmont Airlines serves this airport. Somerset-Pulaski County Airport, with one paved 6,000 foot runway, is located 29 miles north of Whitley City.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Whitley City, Pine Knot and Stearns are served by Kentucky Utilities Company. McCreary County is served by South Kentucky RECC and Cumberland Valley RECC.

Natural Gas: Natural gas is not available in McCreary County.

Other Fuels: There are 5 propane dealers within a 32-mile radius of Whitley City. Distillate fuel oil is available from 9 dealers in this area.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: McCreary County Water District supplies McCreary County. The treatment plant capacity is 500,000 gpd. Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period is 350,000 gallons and peak amount is 450,000 gallons. Storage capacity is 620,000 gallons and an additional clear well is planned to be completed during 1978.

Sewerage: Septic tanks are used for sewage disposal in Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: There are no incorporated communities in McCreary County.

County: County Judge/Executive and 8 magistrates - 4-year terms

TAXES:

Combined state and local property tax rates per \$100 valuation, 1977
(100% assessment)

	<u>McCreary County</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$0.714
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.150
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	0.849
4. Intangibles (accounts, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.250

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone Company: Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., serves Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot.

Telegraph Service: A Western Union toll free number is available to Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot. Western Union counter service is available in Somerset, 31 miles from Whitley City.

Newspaper: The McCreary County Record is published weekly at Whitley City and circulation is 4,600.

Radio Station: WEQO-AM is located in Whitley City.

Television: Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot have cable service.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: Lake Cumberland Medical Center is located in Somerset, 31 miles from Whitley City. This facility has 175 beds.

Churches: There are 50 churches in the area. Denominations are Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Congregational, Methodist and Seventh Day Adventist.

Financial Institutions: The Bank of McCreary County is located in Whitley City.

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